

Benefits and Entitlements Service Team (BEST)

What's New

5 Jan 06

Opportunity for Coventry Health Care of Louisiana Enrollees who were Displaced by Hurricane Katrina to Change Plans. Following Hurricane Katrina, Coventry Health Care of Louisiana provided out-of-network, non-emergency services to New Orleans area members (enrollment code BJ) who relocated outside of the plan's New Orleans service area. These services will no longer be provided beginning 8 Jan 06. Enrollees must change enrollment to another FEHB health plan if they want to continue to receive full health care coverage while residing outside the New Orleans service area. For more information, click here.

Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) Information:

- Renewing Mailed Participant Statements If you are currently receiving mailed
 participant statements and want them to continue, you must renew your request. You can do
 so on the TSP web site (www.tsp.gov) under Account Access, or by completing and
 returning the Mailed Participant Statement Renewal Request enclosed with your mailed
 fourth quarter 2005 statement.
- IRS Form 1099-R The TSP will mail IRS Form 1099-R by January 31 to participants who
 received withdrawals or other taxable distributions during 2005. These participants should
 make sure the TSP has their correct address. To report an address change, current
 employees should change their address via myPay or contact their local payroll office
 Customer Service Representative.
- Tax credit If you participated in the TSP during tax year 2005, you may be eligible for the Retirement Savings Contributions Credit, which is available to participants with an adjusted gross income of no more than \$50,000 if married filing jointly, \$37,500 if head of household, or \$25,000 if single or married filing separately. For information, consult your tax advisor or refer to IRS Form 8880.

TSP Rates of Return for Dec 05. The following chart represents the change in respective share prices for all the funds for Dec 05. The changes in share prices reflect net earnings after accrued TSP administrative expenses, trading costs and accrued investment managements fees have been deducted. Percentages in () are negative returns. For more information, including share costs, go to the TSP Homepage at www.tsp.gov and click on "Returns, Share Prices, & Fund Sheets."

	G Fund	F Fund	C Fund	S Fund	I Fund
December 2005	0.45%	0.95%	0.07%	0.37%	4.64%
<u>Last 12 Months</u> (1/1/2005 - 12/31/2005)	4.49%	2.40%	4.96%	10.45%	13.63%
	L 2040	L 2030	L 2020	L 2010	L Income
December 2005	1.32%	1.22%	1.11%	0.93%	0.59%